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## Smoking and riding in woods

### \* \* \* Galiano resident challenges four

- Four motorcycles were being ridden on Galiano.
- Four motorcyclists were on the island for purely recreational purposes.
- Four motorcyclists headed for the trails through the woods.
- Four motorcyclists were completely unaware of any restriction on entering the woods during the present high-risk period of drought.
- Four motorcyclists were smoking cigarettes as they rode into the woods.
- Four motorcyclists were completely unconcerned about the effect of a spent cigarette butt in the dry woods.
- One irate Galiano resident saw the fuse and cut it off.
- One islander jumped into the trail and stopped the motorcyclists from setting the whole island ablaze.
- One islander thereby saved one island from one massive blaze set by four moronic riders.
- And it's so very, tragically true!

## Tommy Douglas to be there

### Saturday at Mayne Island Fall Fair day for islanders

It's Mayne Day on Saturday, when Mayne Islanders stage their annual fall fair. And when it comes to fall fairs, the islanders have plenty of experience, as they stage the 53rd annual event.

The fair will be located in the Community Hall, which is older than the fair, having been built in 1899.

Tommy Douglas, MP for Nanaimo-Cowichan and the Islands, will formally open the event at 1.30 pm. That's no novelty for Tommy Douglas. The former national leader of the New Democratic Party has been a regular visitor to Mayne in the past years.

There are 529 classes in Saturday's fair and judges will be from all parts of the province.

The Mayne Fair is staged by the Mayne Island Agricultural Society. Heading the society is Marjorie Haggart, with vice-president, Fred Bennett; secretary, Betty Fry; treasurer, Maude Smith and directors, Margaret Bennett, Pearl Brau, Fred Dodds, Winnie

Hayhurst, Vic Marks and Nancy Rainsford.

#### FROM OUTSIDE

In addition to islanders, a large attendance is expected from other islands as well as the mainland. The rural atmosphere of a small country fair has long proved an attraction to visitors from larger centres.

Entries closed on Wednesday and by Friday the exhibits will be taking their places in the hall in readiness for Saturday morning's judging.

Entry to the hall is 50c.

### Slow flashes can lead to car trouble

At what rate do the turn signals flash on your car?

If they don't flash between 60 and 120 per minute, you're breaking the law.

Greg Coles, operator of Salt Spring Bobcat Service, found that out last week when he was stopped by Ganges RCMP. His signals were a little on the slow side. Police timed them at 23 per minute.

## Weatherman writes records

### Long hot summer warms islanders as many report shortage of water

Most islanders are like hot-house plants: they revel in the brilliant sunshine and high temp-

eratures brought to the islands by an exceptionally hot summer.

While enjoying the heat, there are still a large number of island residents who are faced with acute water shortage and a near-unprecedented fire hazard.

Weather observer on Mayne Island, Walter Hunt-Sowrey, said on Monday that the highest temperature he has recorded was 32 degrees on August 9. He reported that the weather has cooled somewhat since that date. The last rainfall he recorded was 0.08 inches on July 28.

On Salt Spring Island, some of the well-drilling companies have been keeping busy finding water. A spokesman for one firm said they had drilled five wells last week. Four of them were for people who had been on dug wells that had stopped producing.

Luke Harrison, who until three years ago, used to sell and deliver water, said on Friday that he has received several calls from people in need of water.

Mike Larmour of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, told Driftwood that the only problem facing the water district is the size of the mains. As far as the lakes are concerned, there is no immediate worry, he said.

#### DRY-CREEKS

Mr. Larmour also said that a lot of creeks are drying up. A creek that runs through his own property has dried up for the first time in 27 years.

On Galiano Island, the water problem is a little more serious.

Jean Lockwood said on Monday that four wells on the south end of the island seem to have been affected by the earthquake that occurred off Saturna Island about six weeks ago.

One of the wells was that belonging to the Fire Hall. Its recovery rate used to be nine gallons a minute, but after the earthquake the recovery slowed down considerably. A new well had to be drilled but it's not as good as the original one, said Miss Lockwood.

A 150-foot well that was drilled 10 years ago hasn't been the same since the earthquake.

#### LOOKS LIKE MOLASSES

"It was always very good water," said Miss Lockwood, "but now it has turned brown and looks like molasses."

There is no shortage of water on Galiano Island, according to Miss Lockwood.

"It is simply that the water is not managed properly. There is lots of water during the winter months but there are no reserve tanks or cisterns."

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## Rug raffle



Rug to be raffled on Draw — August 25 was designed and woven by Salt Spring Island Weavers Guild members. It is made from Salt Spring wool, handspun, all natural and nature-dyed colours.

Proceeds will go towards equipment for the Weavers Guild.

## Scotton plan is tabled

—Too many

Application for a land use contract submitted for by Bill Scotton of Salt Spring Island has been turned down by the Capital Regional District.

However, instead of throwing out the application, the district has only tabled the application, subject to revision.

Mr. Scotton has applied for the contract in order to build apartments consisting of over 100 units on property about a mile south of Vesuvius.

Regional Director George Heinekey said on Monday that if Mr. Scotton reduced the number of units to about 60, the Regional Board would be prepared to review the application.

The Advisory Planning Commission approved the application, subject to reduction in the number of units.

The land-use contract for 105 units contravenes the Community Plan. If the number were reduced to 60, it would conform to the plan, Mr. Heinekey said.

## Two plans next year by Region

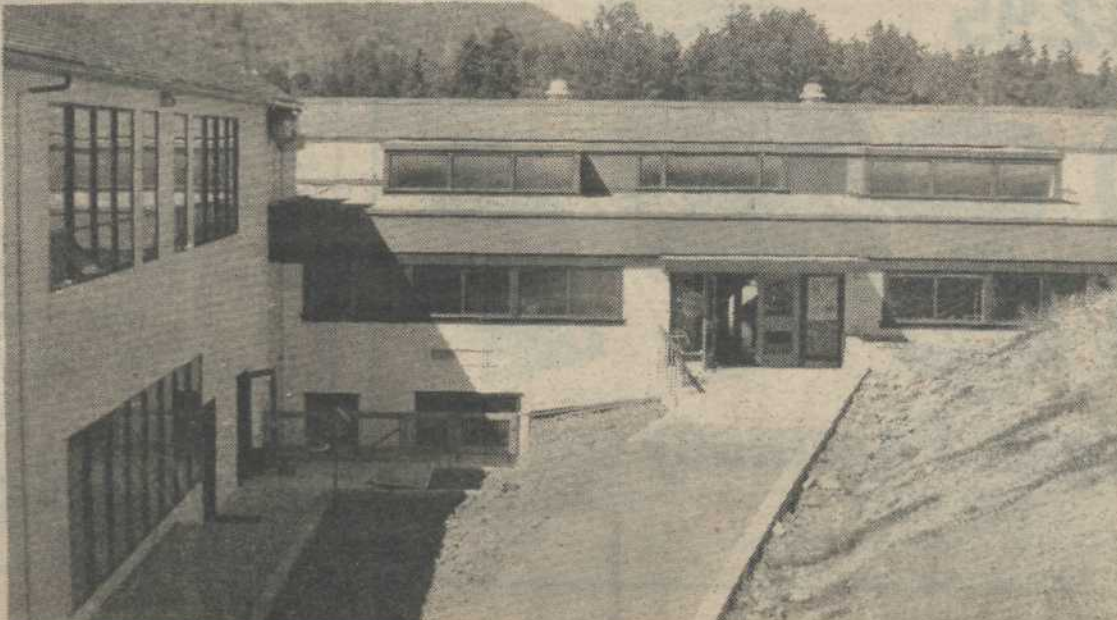
A secondary plan for Vesuvius Bay and Fulford Harbour is to be studied by the Capital Regional District next year.

The Advisory Planning Commission advised the Regional District last week to begin work on the plans.

Regional Director George Heinekey told Driftwood that plans for these areas have been placed on the work agenda of the Regional District for 1978.

Salt Spring Island Planning Association has already carried out unofficial investigations into a Vesuvius plan.

## New entrance to Activity Centre at Ganges school



## Three more weeks

An additional three weeks has been given to owners of malfunctioning septic tanks in Ganges to have their disposal systems corrected.

Dr. A.S. Arneil, regional medical officer of health, gave the extra time last week to the dozen or so violators of the Health Act. Two months ago, Dr. Arneil imposed a limit of 60 days.

Regional Director George Heinekey said on Monday that owners of disposal systems that haven't been corrected within the next two weeks will be charged. He also said, however, that if the proposed sewer system receives the approval of Ganges property owners and the provincial government the charges against violators would almost certainly be dropped.

# Boys and girls club is planned on Salt Spring

Boys and Girls Club of Salt Spring Island is in the making.

Public meeting in Ganges on Thursday drew 30 concerned islanders and a committee of seven was established to get going with plans.

The Committee will make all the enquiries necessary to set up the club and to provide a Teen Centre.

New youth project will be based on the Victoria Boys and Girls Club, and, initially, it will be affiliated with the city group.

Steering committee will investigate the range of the new club and it will assess the needs of the island.

Whatever the club might do on Salt Spring Island it will be tailored to the needs of the community, Driftwood was assured this week.

Islanders who have something to offer are urged to call Larry Clarkson, at 537-9324. The sponsors want sports coaches; sewing instructors, craftsmen or any other islander who has something to offer.

Boys and girls club will cater to youngsters between seven and 17 years of age.

Committee consists of Clarkson, Susan Valcourt, Jim Beck, Bill Carrigher, Jim Wallace, Bob Cam-sell and Edith Sacker.

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# Riding clinic coming

**BY CHRISTINE FLEMMING**  
Salt Spring Island Riding Club will be sponsoring an English clinic August 22 to 26.

The instructor is Debbie Ellis, who is charging \$5 per class. Interested riders may call Anne Caldwell at 537-2950.

We hope to have a Western clinic later in the fall.

The club's horse show is to be on August 28, at the Rainbow Ring. The judge is Bob Shanks of Victoria. Classes will start at 9.30 am, continuing through the day.

As 17 classes are offered there is a wide variety for all ages and both English and Western styles. Three perpetual trophies are to be awarded for: trail class, junior horsemanship, and to the high points winner. Contact Anne Caldwell, 537-2950 for further information and for entry forms.

# Beaver Point couple mark 50 years



Mr. and Mrs. W. Loxton of Beaver Point pose in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Loxton is daughter of the late Sophie King and Walter Loxton is a veteran of the ferry services on the island. The two recently celebrated their wedding anniversary by an open house at Beaver Point Hall.

# SQUARE DANCING SEASON IS NEAR AS FALL APPROACHES

**BY BOB GALL**  
The directors of the "Salty Wheels" square dance club of Ganges are busy preparing for the beginning of a new fall and winter dance season and extend an invitation to all former dancers to come out and join them.

Square dancing combines a healthy atmosphere and stimulating exercise.

Square dancing is here to stay as millions of adult couples dance regularly on this continent. There are square dance clubs in every province in Canada and interest is increasing every year.

Modern square dancing is a great social mixer.

It should not be compared to the old fashioned barn dancing of years back, nor mistaken for the clogging, tapping, square dancing seen in movies. If you are not square dancing now you are missing a life long recreational enjoyment, friendships that span most all boundaries and is another husband-wife joint activity.

The Salty Wheels club season will commence September 23 and dancing will take place in Mahon Hall. It is inexpensive and no special skills are necessary. Just know your left hand from your right and with that, and your ability to walk, you can square dance.

To newcomers to the Island this is a good opportunity to meet people and make friends. To those who have never square danced, beginner's classes will be available. For further information, 537-2741 or Past President Al Whorley at 537-2760.

**INTERNAL DISTRACTION:**  
The driver creates his own internal distraction by fiddling with a radio, CB unit or eight-track tape player. These units are often mounted over on the right side of the vehicle so the driver has a long reach. A smart driver will pull over to change tapes or have a passenger do it. Fighting children, a screaming baby, a funny joke or a seductive passenger can distract even the most careful driver.

**IMPROPER DRIVING TECHNIQUE:-** Do you brake at the last minute before a turn? Do you wander out of your lane as you come up to the crest of a hill or around a curve in the mountains? Do you stop too far out into an intersection, or drive too close to the center line or the edge of the road? These are improper driving techniques.

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All students who did not attend these schools last year, or who did not register for Kindergarten in June, should report to the offices of the Elementary School - K to 7, or the Secondary School - Grades 8 to 12. The offices will be open from 10.00 am to Noon and from 1.00 to 3.00 pm during the week of August 29 to September 2.  
**OUTER ISLANDS SCHOOLS:**  
Students should register at the school on September 7. Grades 8 & 9 from Galiano, Saturna & Mayne Islands should register at Mayne. Grades 8 & 9 from Pender should register on Pender.  
**SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE**  
GALIANO - Same as last year - leave North End 8.10 am  
PENDER ISLANDS - Same as last year  
SALT SPRING ISLAND - Same as last year.  
BEAVER POINT RUN:  
Bridgman Road 7.25 8.25  
Fulford 7.30 8.30  
FERNWOOD-CUSHEON LAKE RUN:  
Fernwood 7.12 8.12  
Long Harbour Terminal 7.35 8.35  
Cusheon-Beddis 7.55 8.55  
NORTH END-COLLINS RD:  
Vesuvius 7.07 8.07  
Southy Pt.-North End 7.18 8.18  
Collins Road 7.50 8.50  
**CHANGES MAY BE NECESSARY WHEN PUPIL LOADINGS ARE KNOWN**  
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# TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

Too many people complaining they went to the bank last week and caught a cold. Don't know how they do it. Every time I go to the bank it seems to get pretty heated.

Don Irwin's the boy. They were working from 6.30 in the morning and when the shop was getting anything like sunburnt they all went home for a swim.

Never bother to unplug a machine before you work on it. It was a cheapie and I had to clean a processor before going to the airport. I was fast. Out came the rollers and down went the base. I watched it slowly swing, clear of the ground suspended by the hot wire. There was a pretty blue flash and I still watched it catch fire. Took a long time to get it running again. Then the lights went out on the computer typesetter. So off came the front and in stayed the plug. A loud noise without fire showed that something had taken objection to a screwdriver. Two hours later it was running. All goes to show that you don't have to take the plug out first.....it isn't always fatal!

Don't rely on the television shows! If you land in the police office and you want to get help, you don't have to limit it to one call. Last week, Victoria lawyer Nick Lott blew the fallacy apart. You're not restricted to one call, he noted in Ganges court. That's a fiction invented by Hollywood!

Thank Heaven I'm not a veterinarian! Report in last Saturday's London Daily Telegraph, special delivery by Jack Althouse, describes the problem of a Dutch animal doctor who was treating a cow. The animated milk can was suffering from a distended belly and the vet wanted to check what was building it up and why. So he inserted a tube into the cow and struck a match. If the gas from the tortured cow caught fire, then he could identify its origin. The cow turned into a flame thrower. The

tube in the animal's rear end discharged a jet of flame. Some hay, nearby, was ignited and the whole barn started to burn. Before they could get help, the 50,000 pound farm was razed to the ground. But it worked! The cow was cured. She's just being treated for shock, now!

Another report from the English paper: notice in a factory canteen. There will be a surprise fire drill at 4.30 pm on Friday.

And I knew Jack Althouse was back before I saw Gwen. The big gypsy caravan was running around Salt Spring Island.

Okay, so Cindy Wallace's name isn't Penny! I don't know how it ended up that way, but it won't again! And Cindy made it very clear who she was and what she was doing when she showed visitors around the school at Pender.

It was on the ferry, they tell me. The Queen of Tsawwassen was coming into Active Pass and a heavy blast failed to encourage all the keen fishermen from getting out from under. As the battle between the ferry skipper and the itchy-bitsy boat captain was about due to begin, the RCMP cruiser appeared on the scene and escorted the offending vessel out of the path of destruction. Last thing my passenger informant saw was the police boat crew taking notes.

You can't devil an egg with a dollop of cream  
And one or two spices, he said,  
with a gleam.  
To devil an egg you gotter have skill  
But devil an egg can be devilled  
with fill!  
You boil it so hard  
And shell it with care;  
You chop up the yolk  
With spices so rare.  
Then stuff it all back  
All yellow and white  
And eat if you dare!  
Bedevilled by eggs in a devilled  
egg dream  
If it's not what he's wanting, Fred  
Chisholm will scream!

I drink your health, Grant! It's Grant Carignan who tells me, yes, he's moving! He is negotiating with the angels for a new location six miles up. Everyone asks him, is he moving, reports the Ganges grocer. That's where you'll find him next!

And it's August: and it's the anniversary of the Dieppe raid. August 19 was the day, reports Walter Hunt-Sowrey, from Mayne

Island. That's a day will never be forgotten.

The Ottawa government can sell its armoured cars. It can dispose of the thousands of gas masks and other riot equipment. The Salt Spring Island insurrection has been put down and civil law has been reimposed on the island. Opposition members for Victoria, Allan McKinnon has been challenging the government's purchases of weapons against civil unrest. They must have heard of Madness, but the strike is over now and we can go back to normal, once we can define it.

There was a logger and a newspaper publisher. They came into Driftwood office like logging and publishing were the same business. But it was poetry that brought them together.

Peter Trower is a notable Vancouver Island logger-poet and is tied in with Raincoast Chronicles.

John Burnside is the publisher of Coast News at Gibson's and is a reader of poetry.

Both men came to Salt Spring Island to take part in the reading program in Mahon Hall, when readings and Artcraft come together.

The story of poetry and logging and publishing was there to be clearly seen.

Trower is at the foot of the tree and scorns to cry out, "Timber!" He throws back his head and gives a call, "Tree! Flee!"

Burnside is not to be left standing alone.

He cries "Wrong font! Wrong flea!"

## Captains complain to RCMP

Police have been called to supervise ferry terminals.

Incidents at the ferry terminals have led ferry captains to take no chances and to call out RCMP. Incidents such as drunkenness and exhibitionism as well as a search for runaway juveniles demands that the local RCMP be on hand just in case.

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### No room for stupid driving

The traditional question asked of British Columbians seeking a driver's license is one which gives the candidate a choice: Would you throw a lighted cigarette or cigar from a vehicle? The question is loaded, because most people don't smoke cigars and they don't have a real alternative. The candidate is given little freedom of choice. The answer is one word, yes or no.

This aspect of a motor vehicle license application is significant this week after a report from Galiano of four youthful motorcyclists blithely riding into the closed woods, each dangling a lighted cigarette.

Since the motorcycle license is now different from a four-wheeled vehicle license, the question might be better worded: what do you do with a lighted cigarette while riding a motorcycle?

No British Columbian should ever be permitted to ride a motorcycle if his brain rattles loosely in his hard hat.

### Summer theatre strikes again!

Salt Spring Island Summer Theatre is part of the annual holiday season on the island. The theatre has brought many shows to the island as well as a host of distinguished players.

The current season opened on Saturday with a presentation of a puppet show. To all intents and purposes it had already opened, because as far as the theatregoer was concerned, Madness struck again at the opening of the Summer Theatre season.

The annual theatre season, with its co-operation with island drama, is a pleasing feature of the long summer holidays.

It is not only a tribute to the players who are behind it and to the Hollywood actor who initiated it, it is a pointer to an important part of island life. As each year brings new events and new participants they are putting Salt Spring Island among the provincial drama centres.

It is an activity that fits admirably into the island pattern of living.

### A very creditable performance

If you have a fire, don't panic: call the volunteer firemen. Every island is served.....and extremely well served.....by a volunteer fire department.

It would be impossible to adequately describe the service to the community offered by the volunteers who man the fire trucks in the islands. The residents who have been aided by the firemen and the residents whose property has been saved or safeguarded by the firemen are very well aware of the contribution made by these good neighbours.

Last week came the report of a second aspect of the fire department's service to the community.

When a boy slipped off the cliff edge of Mount Maxwell, it was the firemen who were called out to rescue him and get him to hospital with no possible delay.

Rescue work in connection with a fire department is a comparatively new aspect of island fire departments. The volunteer who spends a substantial part of his spare time attending fire drills and learning the techniques of fire-fighting now adds a new specialty to his training. He learns how to scale cliffs and climb mountains to assist members of the general public who have out-climbed themselves or fallen victim to a natural hazard.

When a 12-year-old boy was lying unconscious on a ledge below a mountain peak on Salt Spring Island, it was the firemen who went down to put him on a stretcher and bring him back for urgent and immediate medical attention.

Throughout the islands we have had ample opportunity to recognize the value of a body of trained fire fighters.

Last week, the Salt Spring Island department proved its prowess in a new field.

The community may well be proud of the work undertaken by the Salt Spring Island Fire Department in helping islanders to survive fire and accident.

## Letters to the Editor

THANK YOU, LAURIE

Sir,  
Too often your pages are filled with letters of complaints and negative attitudes; controversies rage with little regard to facts. One

can only draw the conclusion that some people are dedicated to keeping areas very much as they might have been, perhaps 50 years ago.

To this end some of my good



No mister it's not like Dunkirk! At Dunkirk the little boats were on our side!

neighbors and many friends have, through gentle persuasion, kindly interest and downright coercion directed my energies.

Vesuvius Bay has always been, until recently, a farming community: chicken farms, with R.O.P. stock shipped around the world, seed farms with much the same pattern. Dairy farming, sheep farming, strawberry farming, mink farming, all with a real degree of success.

Recently a truck arrived at my door bringing the start of a new venture, a pig farm.

There are too many generous people involved to thank them individually but as the project and future development is so closely tied with Hedgehog Farms I can try to thank "Laurie" for his help and expertise.

Truly has anyone ever owed so much to so many!

Ruth Heinekey  
Vesuvius Bay, BC  
July 16, 1977

### HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!



SUSAN J. SUJA

Sir,

In this world which seems to exude so much hate and greed, it is fitting to know that in South India 135 impoverished children are being maintained and educated thru the generosity of U.K. sponsors -- from the Orkneys to the Channel Islands and from Wales to East Anglia.

These sponsors are middle class, some retired, some with young children, who were kind enough to add another name to their family.

The Child Sponsorship Project is initiated by the Indo-American Club. For \$7.00 a month, plus a small administrative charge, the sponsor receives the photo and case history of his or her child -- boy or girl -- and authentic reports about the child and the progress he makes. Letters are exchanged and free translation given, plus additional information about the child and the family the sponsor wants to know.

Bank accounts are opened for all the children in the scheme and a general supervision is made to ensure that the funds are used for the specific purpose they were donated.

I have read some of the letters written by the sponsors to their foster children and some sponsors have included a snapshot of themselves and family.

There are still more poor children who desperately need spon-

sors. Canadians can show that they equal the British in generosity by writing to: Mr. T.J. John, The Indo-American Club, Chengannur 689121, Kerala State, South India.

Sorry; you can't have this one, she's mine!  
O.W. Williams  
R.R. 2, Ganges, BC  
August 9, 1977

### BLACK FISH

Sir,

I thought your paper very interesting this past week, your article on the Pig Farm gave me happy thoughts of those young folk who are striving hard to make a go of such a venture for its real work, also they show love of animals which is often not evident of those making a living in such a way, one thing that I thought strange was throwing the manure over the fields and allowing cattle to graze so soon after, I always thought that pigs were subject to tape worm and wondered if cattle could become infected from the grazing. Your article on Alert Bay was of interest too and I was pleased to hear that St. Michael's School was being used for such a worthwhile subject. My husband and I know, or knew, Alert Bay well 40-odd years ago. The school and hospital were then run and built by the Anglican Church. The Church there was named "Christ Church" and usually a missionary new out from England was the minister, an Indian interpreter, a splendid woman and well-educated undertook the task.

In those days Union Steamship and C.P.R. vessels came in four times a week on their way to and fro to Prince Rupert and the C.N.R. boat did not dock but lay off in case of need. So the Island and surrounding camps and villages were very well served.

Now about the so called "Killer Whale" that is not its correct name, upcoast it was known as "Black Fish" and there is a stretch

## Worst import since rabbits

(THE GUARDIAN: Manchester)

Australia's Primary Industry Minister, Mr. Ian Sinclair, made a scathing attack yesterday on the role of immigrant Britons in industrial disputes.

They seemed determined to import the "British disease" into Australia's trade unions, he said and wondered whether action should be taken against them.

"These people have obviously sapped much of the strength of British industry, leaving the British economy one of the weakest in Europe. They are seemingly adopting the same attitudes and views towards the Australian trade union movement."

The Minister's remarks may well strike a responsive chord among some Australians who have a saying that British shop stewards are Australia's worst import since the rabbit.

## He is late and must come back

Murray W. Farrup was late. When his name was called in Ganges Provincial Court on Wednesday morning last week, there was no response.

On Wednesday afternoon he appeared in court, to report that he had mistaken the time.

Provincial Judge D.K. McAdam vacated the bench warrant already issued and remanded the case to August 24.

Farrup pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis, but the papers in the case had already been removed from the court.

of water named Black Fish Sound near Alert Bay. The Indians would never harm a Black Fish and it is one of the main items carved on their Totem poles.

What the Black Fish do kill is other whales, we have been caught in several schools of them in a row boat and it's rather frightening for they jump high and one becomes afraid they will upset the boat yet they have wonderful eyesight and are great performers and will glide under and never touch the boat, the first time we encountered them we lived on Sisters Light station and had to cross to Lasqueti Island for our mail. I asked Doug what we should do. He said just pull on the oars, for we were crossing and they were going up north. It was mating season, hence the play. It is indeed sad that folk should shoot them for they are, in the main, harmless, beautiful creatures.

Elizabeth Dane  
Fulford Harbour  
August 15, 1977

## Church Services

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 1977

Church	Location	Service	Time
ANGLICAN			
St. Mark's	Central Ganges	Morning Prayer	11.15 am
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Evening Prayer	7.30 pm
Daily: Mon.-Fri.			
St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	9.00 am
Weekly: Wednesdays			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	9.00 am
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9.00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11.15 am
Saturdays	Ganges	Holy Mass	5.00 pm
Saturdays	Ganges	Sunday School	10.00 am
UNITED			
Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
537-5812(church)	An Hour of	Sharing and Caring	6.30 pm
COMMUNITY GOSPEL			
Pastor Moe	Ganges	Sun.Sch.-all ages	10.30 am
537-2622(church)	Box 61	Evening Service	7.30 pm
537-5395		Thurs. Bible Study	7.30 pm
MAYNE ISLAND			
St. Mary Magdalene	629-6655	Rector J. Daniels	11.30 am
Community Church	539-5710	Pastor J. Rodine	7.00 pm in the school
Bible Study		Friday in the homes	7.30 pm

## Down Through The Years With Driftwood

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

For the first time in history, in spite of being natives of this area, the Saanich Indians thrilled a crowd of nearly 700 people with their war canoe race and dances held at Lakeridge Camp last Saturday afternoon.

The four, 11-man, 52 ft. colourful canoes, under the direction of Chief Underwood, raced three circular laps on the lake at Lakeridge, with the "John Deane" winning, a few strokes ahead of the "Lady Esther". The spectacular race, with precision paddling, proved quite exciting in the tight turns at each corner of the lake. These canoes are usually raced in very long straight-aways and the circular route used last Saturday was a new challenge for the paddlers.

Chief Hummingbird and his sons, dressed in colourful costumes, performed many ancient dances. The movie camera fans had a field day photographing the interpretive dances.

Delicious smoked salmon was served by the Indian ladies.

The sport events for the children resulted in Sheila Newman, Bruce Baker and Linda Slingsby winning a free airplane ride over the Gulf Islands. Winners of free canoe races were: Kathy Roland, Jimmy Ralph, Glenna Kaye, Yvette Blais, Michael Jarman, Duffy Brown, Brent Hartley, John Godlewski, Marcel Blais and John Hill.

Father Mudge was the only paddler in the Indian war canoe races with blond hair. He owns the canoe, "Lady of Guadalupe" and he and his "boys" race in many of the big events.

### TEN YEARS AGO

High cost of fishing has taken a hike. Owners of boats normally tied up at Ganges federal wharves have been informed that the rate of one cent per foot per day has been increased to two cents.

Hike took effect August 1. There is no charge for tying up at the federal wharf at Ganges.

The last fishing derby of the season for Salt Spring Island, sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 92) saw many fishermen out in the early hours of Sunday, August 13.

The weather proved to be ideal as many of the crowd of over 100 gathered at the weigh-in at Mouat's Store were burnt from the scorching sun.

Over 50 fish were weighed in, and from all reports, the salmon-snapping seals must have got the big ones.

The first prize for the largest salmon of 8 lbs. 14 oz. was won by Henry Geigerich. Ladies' first was won by Mrs. T.A. Crawford with a 7 lb. 10½ oz. coho. Junior first went to Mike Spencer whose fish weighed 9 lbs.

Saturday night's Do at the Hall on Saturna was a whooperlaloop. It was a family night and our merry Mary Toynbee had over 60 playing bridge, crib, ping pong, shuffle board, or anything they had a mind to. (Being on the door I played solitaire). Nearly everyone won a Centennial award of bronze, silver or gold. (A copper, nickel or dime stuck onto a cardboard disc). The Grand Prize was a quarter stuck on a bright shiny golden coloured tin can lid. Everything was novel and it was a grand "Do".

### FIVE YEARS AGO

Two residents of Salt Spring Island have volunteered to help with the cost of sewers here, although they live outside the designated area.

The two householders this week offered \$800 towards a means of defraying the tax burden for those who genuinely cannot afford the cost.

The donors explained they live on Ganges Harbour and that the lack of sewers in Ganges is a threat to their enjoyment of the harbour waters.

The head of the harbour is rank and evil smelling, one donor commented, and a green scum is already floating on the sea. They are confident that the installation of sewers here will clean up the harbour waters and protect their own properties from contamination. It is launched under the name, "Save our Harbour Fund".

Bill Arnold is all set for the first cross-Canada run, ever.

The Ganges athlete plans to run from Ganges to Halifax. It will take almost three months and will extend from a warm September morning on Salt Spring Island to a cold December day in Nova Scotia.

The island runner will be keeping up between 40 and 50 miles a day in the interval.

Several weeks ago a windsock and flags were stolen from the airstrip at Fulford.

This week part of the windsock came in the mail to Driftwood. The cut-off piece was yellow and carried the name "Shell". The "S" had been omitted and the piece of plastic material showed only "Hell".

An accompanying letter expressed the writer's opposition to airstrips and other development.

Earlier in the year a comment in Driftwood reminded readers that hummingbirds cannot survive honey. The little birds can live on sugar dissolved in water.

Honey generates a fungus disease and the bird dies.

# Refusal to blow and \$500 fine after patrol sees no light

If the rear lights on his pickup truck had been working, Terence Dow, of Ganges would not have lost his license in a subsequent court appearance.

On Wednesday last week Dow was convicted of refusing a breathalyzer test and not guilty of driving while the ability was impaired by alcohol, when he appeared before Judge D.K. McAdam.

Const. J. Pomeroy, RCMP, told the court that he was driving a patrol car on Upper Ganges Road the evening of March 19 and saw a vehicle approaching on the wrong side of the road. It went back to the proper side and he assumed that the driver had moved on seeing his headlights. As the vehicle passed him, he saw that it carried no tail lights. He stopped and turned round to pursue the pickup.

After stopping the Dow vehicle, Const. Pomeroy reported that the driver smelled strongly of alcohol and had difficulty in finding his license.

He gave him two sobriety tests, said the constable and the driver stumbled a bit and was wobbling. His eyes were bloodshot and the officer warned him that he wanted him to take a breathalyzer test.

### ASKS FOR COUNSEL

At the police office in Ganges, Dow was required to await the arrival of Sgt. Ray Stelter to apply

for the test. When the machine was ready, he asked to make a phone call to his lawyer. The police officers referred to their manuals, the court was told, and advised the driver that he could have 10 minutes.

Dow was unable to locate his lawyer, he told the court, and then called his wife.

Defence counsel Nick Lott urged that the restriction to 10 minutes was a contravention of his rights.

After the phone call, Dow refused the breathalyzer test and was charged with refusal.

Judge McAdam declined to

accept the submission that Dow had been under pressure over the time allotted. He had not been denied his right to communicate with counsel, ruled McAdam.

He found him guilty of refusing to blow and fined him \$500, with suspension of his license.

"People should be sure, when they get behind the wheel of a vehicle that they are not going to end up behind a breathalyzer machine," he warned.

On the impaired charge, he ruled that there was insufficient evidence to prove impairment and found him not guilty.

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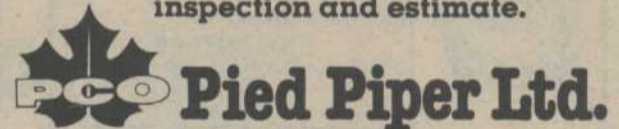
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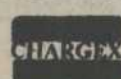
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## Middle East is turning west

# He is heading back to Iran and geology

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

Iran is a land of many contrasts, both socially and geographically. In southern Iran, desert temperatures get up to 120 degrees, while in the north, snow-capped peaks make for good winter skiing. There is very little middle class; people either struggle to make a skimpy living or sit back and enjoy five or six expensive cars.

There to experience the life of an Iranian is Don Holmes, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Marc Holmes of Fulford. Holmes junior was recently holidaying with his parents at Fulford and with him he brought many Iranian tales. He does not consider Iran his home, though he has spent two years there already and will be returning to Canada next spring.

Just over two years ago Don Holmes pulled up Calgary roots and, with his wife and two children, settled into suburban living in

Iran's capital, Tehran. There are over six million inhabitants of the capital city and about that many cars. Middle-eastern life is either extremely frivolous or extremely destitute, Holmes explained.

Don Holmes is a geologist. Over two years ago he decided on travelling and his profession led him to the rich oil lands of Iran. As a geologist, Holmes studies rock types and soil types to determine the whereabouts of oil. Most of his work is done inside an office, but he manages to take week end jaunts to archaeological sites which are almost untouched, though hundreds of years old.

### TO WEST BY 2000?

Government in Iran is totalitarian. The present government is led by Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, a libertarian in his own estimation, and dictatorial in the eyes of Western world visitors.

The Shah of Iran predicts full westernization by the year 2000, but the Canadian geologist is skeptical.

Iran has ridden donkeys and without discovering the automobile has jumped from burro to BMW. A city with an exploding population has no sewer system. The country has laws but little enforcement. If one man has more money he must pay for his opponent's crime whether it be a mere market bartering or a car mishap. Don Holmes likes Iran, but he doesn't call it home.

Don Holmes and his family live on the north side of Tehran. The sewage from the area is pumped through the city permitting a stream for the southern residents to do laundry in and bathe in.

Traffic problems in the city are out of control. Since Holmes has been there he has been involved in three car accidents. Depending on the wealth of each driver the expenses are paid by the wealthiest, not by the culprit.

### IT IS NOT SO

Before leaving Canada, Don Holmes figured that the cost of living might be cheaper in Iran. But he soon found out Iran had no capitalistic economic virtues. Bartering for the week's groceries became a chore, and arguing about the cost of a tank of gas after it was filled is a weekly pastime. No one wants to let a customer get a good deal, especially if he is socially above the level of the market vendor.

Don bought a Hillman for five thousand which he now estimates worth seven thousand.

Iran has long wanted to own and operate her companies, such as the one Don works with. The plan originally was to buy up such foreign-owned companies and continue employing foreigners who could eventually train Iranians.

But, notes Holmes, the oil service company has been in Iran for 60 years and is still continuing to hire foreigners. There are an estimated 50,000 ex-patriates living in Iran serving in every government capacity, from advisory to the military of Iran to advisor to the Shah. Highway engineers, architects, and scientists are working in Iran as builders of subways,

sewers, and sky rises. The city is being built by westerners and inhabited by Iranians.

You think you have rent problems? Don Holmes is paying \$950 a month rent, which he adds, is good, considering the average rent is \$1100.

The government of Iran has progressive plans but it's very difficult to change people from an ancient life pattern to an extremely modern one without running into sociological problems.

Families suffer when illiterate parents with great wealth, eager to educate their children, who attend foreign universities, find their old ways disappearing and the new generation, a confusion of mixed cultures and attitudes.

But even the Shah attended an out-of-state university. There is a lot of emphasis on education outside of Iran which does nothing for the morale of Iranian teachers.

**RUGS AND TRADITIONS**  
The traditions of Iran are outlined in the rugs crafted by Iranians in almost every one of the 65,000 villages. Each village has its own geometrical patterns, and no two rugs can be the same. Silk carpets and copper handicrafts outshine western craftsmanship



DON HOLMES

and such handmade household items are popular in tourist areas and for residents.

Women are still wearing chidars or translated, tents. The covered women never go beyond their mud huts and live forever indoors. They are non-entities and once reaching the age of 22 are rejected by their husband of six years and set aside with the first few wives.

The dominant religion of Iran is Moslem. Other religions include Zoroastrians, Christian, but religious tolerance draws the line with the Bahai faith. Women are still not permitted to enter the temple, and religion makes it clear their place is in the home.

Don Holmes likes Iran. It is a strategic area and both Europe and Eurasia are easily accessible. So far the Holmes have done a lot of travelling, though not enough because before they come back next spring to settle down in Calgary they plan to see the eastern world.



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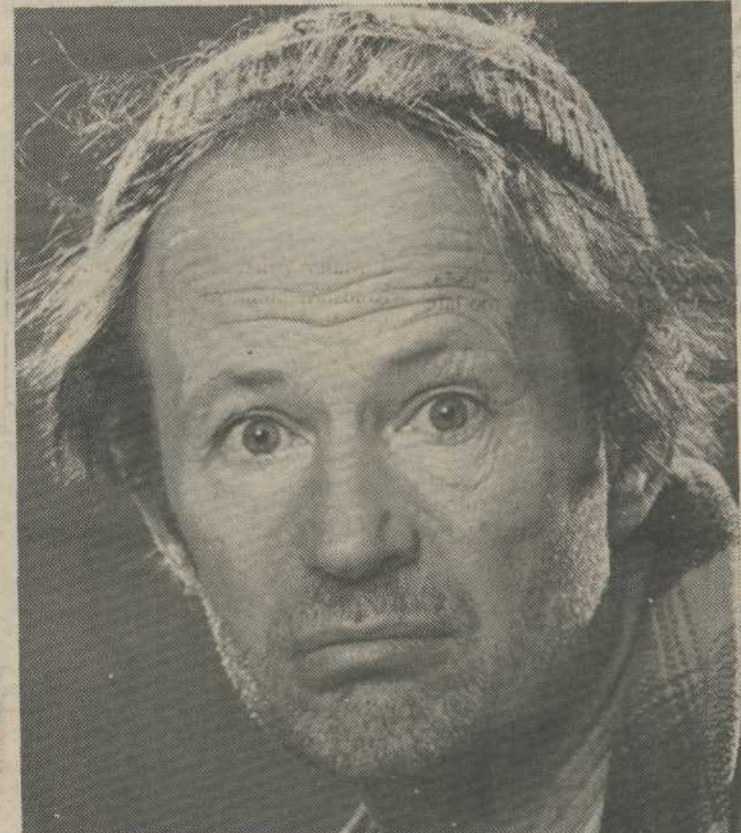
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# An open letter

To District Highways Engineer and Gulf Islands Driftwood

Sirs:  
Six thousand tons of crushed gravel were transported from Sturdies Bay wharf to the Highways Department yard, Georgeson Bay Road, on August 10, 11, and 12, as part of a large provincial contract to provide the islands with their road-building materials for the next three to five years.

Starting at 4 pm on Wednesday six huge trucks roared back and forth, each carrying 8 to 10 cubic yards, or from 10 to 16 tons each truck load. Sixteen continuous hours later, the first barge was emptied at 8 am on Thursday.

Residents along Sturdies Bay Road, expecting to re-coup some sleep on Thursday night, were rudely disappointed when the trucks began grinding again at 2 am Friday, continuing until the second barge was emptied at two o'clock on Friday afternoon. (It works out to approximately one truck, empty or full, passing any given point of the route about every three minutes, for a total of 28 hours!)

Sleep was impossible and tempers were short by Friday morning. Some of those living along the truck route engage in exacting work which requires considerable concentration, and as a result of the sleepless nights and noise filled days two days of remuneration were lost.

Others were here on all too short annual holidays, hoping to escape the noise and fumes of the city. But in typical island fashion, complaints were not registered with local RCMP until the operation was nearly completed, too late to effect a slow-down in speed and noise.

Last year Galiano residents experienced a similar noise annoyance when a private subdivision road was being constructed. In that instance, advance public notice was posted, giving expected times of truck travel, and apologizing for the disruption.

This did not improve the sleep situation, but it did buffer the annoyance psychologically, and give residents the chance to escape intolerable noise harassment if they wished to.

The same courtesy should be expected from the Highways Department, as indeed B.C. Hydro gives when power outages are

anticipated. Galiano Roads foreman, Glen Overholtz has taken considerable flak for the operation, and says he was given no advance notice of barge arrival times.

Barge arrivals are dependent on tides, and tides are quite predictable in advance.

Given the size of trucks and loads, noise was inevitable and unavoidable except that faster speeds create more noise. Galiano is posted as 30 MPH Maximum and that presumably includes the hours from midnight to 8 am and trucks contracted to deliver government materials. But the obvious interest was getting the job done as quickly as possible.

It was a fearsome hazard to walk along the road or to back out of one's driveway during those hours of gravel delivery. We were fortunate that "only" a deer was killed!

Surely a bid contract can be written to include the necessity of enforceable speed limits and consideration for residents.

Myrtle and Jim Culthern, Georgeson Bay Road; George Granick, Georgeson Bay Road; Gwen Granick; Ingunn Templeman; Ethel Kiernan; Sturdies Bay Road; Doris Kiernan, Sturdies Bay Road; Pat Park, Sturdies Bay Road; Norm Park; Betty Fairbank, Sturdies Bay Road; Margaret Hollingsworth, Sturdies Bay Road; Esther and Arno Diehl; Jeanne Dunn; William Hausmann; M.V. Hausmann; M. Bellhouse Gardner; F.E. Bellhouse; Shay Foster, Sturdies Bay Road; Gregory Foster; William J. Maier; Alice L. Maier; Nellie B. Kolosoff; Sonja Maars; Jean Wilson, Betty Brannan.

## Dog is left behind

B.C. Ferries have a mascot. A golden lab has been ferry watching since August 14. The dog was presumably left behind. Ferry officials say he is well behaved and well trained.

If the dog is a friend of yours, call Long Harbour.

## New footings for old church at Fulford



Burgoyne Valley United Church still needs help to get it back on its feet. New repairs have sent the finances of the United Church Women askew and they need more donations.

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**ISLANDERS AT WORK**

**Cats, crows, fawns, coons . . . island veterinaria**

**By Tony Richards**

Crows and cats, chickens and hawks, Dr. Claus Andress has treated them all, along with a large number of other animals that are taken ill on the Gulf Islands.

Gulf Island Veterinary Clinic on Rainbow Road, Ganges, is a complete hospital for the treatment of

ailments of farm animals and pets on the islands.

Dr. Andress was born in Germany and came to Canada in 1953. He has a Master of Science degree from the University of Guelph and also graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College.

Before coming to Canada he was a student of agriculture and managed a large farm in Germany.

After practicing in Ontario for a time, he and his family moved to Abbotsford, where he worked in a pathology lab dealing largely with poultry. He also practiced as a veterinarian there and, following that, moved to Salt Spring Island. Claus Andress, his wife Alice and their four children, bought land on the island eight years ago and two years ago they moved here.

**MOSTLY PETS**

His patients here are largely pets. Spaying cats and dogs forms a large part of his business, as do ear infections, fleas and skin problems.

Dr. Andress enjoys working on the islands, especially for the variety of different animals that visit his clinic: a seal pup that had lost its mother and had been found on Mayne Island; a crow with a broken wing and a young raccoon that had been in a tree when it was cut down. The same fate befell a young hawk when the tree, in which its nest was situated, was felled.

Other patients include fawns struck by cars. The last two fawns that were brought in to the clinic had so many bones broken they had to be put to sleep.

One aspect of a veterinarian's work that most people find unusually costly is the spaying of cats. Dr. Andress considers spaying cats as a luxury.

"If I was a cat-owner I would

consider it very expensive, too," he said.

The operation is very similar to a hysterectomy and the same precautions must be taken.

**CLEANLINESS**

Cleaning is a big time-factor in a veterinary hospital.

"A sterile, clean environment is necessary to prevent infection," said Dr. Andress. "First the animal has to be anaesthetized and shaven, and the instruments must be sterilized before the operation can be done. The animal must then spend the night at the clinic following the operation.

It also must be remembered, said the Ganges veterinarian, that the facilities for an animal hospital are privately funded.

The clinic at Ganges closely resembles that of a physician. First, there's the examining room where the animal goes for diagnosis. There is the surgery where the operations take place. In another room there is an x-ray machine and next to that a dark room where the x-rays are developed.

A lot of the instruments used in veterinary medicine are similar to those used by the physician in a hospital but there are a few specialized tools as well.

**EVEN CAGES**

The difference ends there because the next room you find yourself in has a number of cages against one wall. Through another door there's a small room with a cage in it: this room is for the confinement of animals with something contagious.

Most of the instruments used in veterinary medicine are similar to those used by the physician in a hospital but there are a few specialized tools as well.

When an ailing pet is brought into Dr. Andress' clinic, he quite often has two patients to be dealt with: the pet and the pet's owner. He said there have been a few instances where he has been administering to an animal, when the owner has fainted.

There have been a number of books written on the subject of veterinary medicine, Dr. Andress told me. The series written by an English veterinarian, James Herriot, describe very well the various aspects of a veterinarian's work, he suggested.

Dr. Andress is assisted at the clinic by Nancy Geehan and his daughter Mary, a student at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

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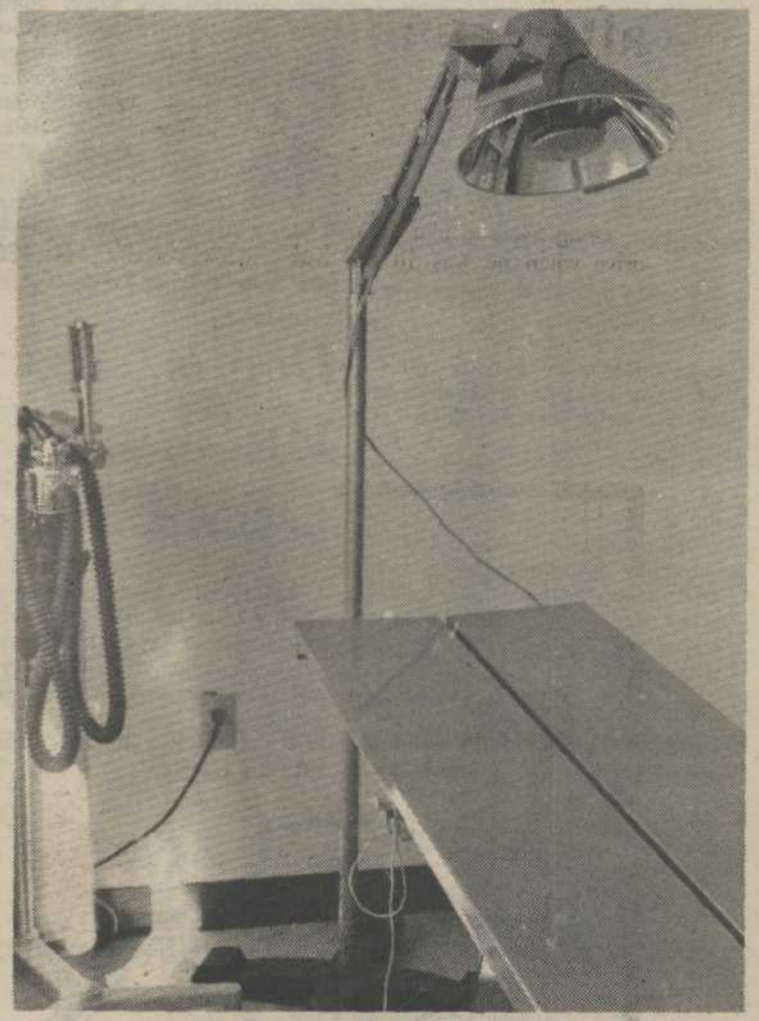
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members of the staff at Gulf Island y Clinic: Dr. Claus Adress, his daughter Mary and Nancy Geehan. To the left of Dr. Adress is the X-ray machine.

## INFO-HEALTH

By Dr. BOB YOUNG

There is, of course, much more to practising medicine than prescribing drugs and wielding the surgical scalpel. Doctors, I imagine, have always been looked upon as advisors but recently, the physician's role as a counsellor has expanded greatly.

Among the many reasons are the social changes that have occurred. Physicians, and especially family practitioners, find themselves replacing the patient's parents, the clergyman, and the wise neighbour as a source of advice.

The profession has recognized its role in this field, and most younger doctors have had training in counselling. Older doctors have usually developed the required skills through experience, and many of them have perfected their techniques by taking courses and attending workshops.

No individual doctor can be an expert in all fields, but he is expected to be knowledgeable in many areas. Frequently, an informed discussion with a patient about his or her problem is very effective in helping to solve it.

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Some counselling is psychiatric in nature, with the physician providing support for patients who are depressed or anxious. Most advising concerns non-psychiatric

problems: problems in the fields of sexuality, marriage difficulties, recalcitrant teenagers, (and in the case of teenagers, difficult parents) abortion and alcoholism.

The doctor also finds himself called upon to help provide placement for elderly people and to find help for learning-disabled children. The doctor's office is frequently used to direct people elsewhere for such things as dietary or marriage counselling; indeed, in any field where the physician has not the time or the talent for effective instruction.

The more traditional types of counselling remain: explaining op-

erations and illnesses to patients and their families, advising on life-style changes and preventive health care, and supportive care during periods of grief.

Time and talk are often more effective medicine than tincture and tablet.

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Craig Munroe had learned to drive when he was 16 but had never sought a license, he told the court.

Munroe pleaded guilty to driving without due care and attention and driving without a subsisting driver's license.

On January 28 he left the road

and came to rest 100 feet into the bush, court was told. He was travelling at very high speed, it was stated, and he failed to negotiate a curve.

His companion was drinking too much to be able to drive and he had insisted on taking the wheel, he explained.

He was fined \$200 for the driving charge and \$25 for lack of a license. He was allowed time to pay in view of the fact he has not worked since the spring.

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Many requests for application forms have now been received by SAFER. But we want to make sure that no senior citizen who may be eligible is missing out on the assistance he or she is entitled to.

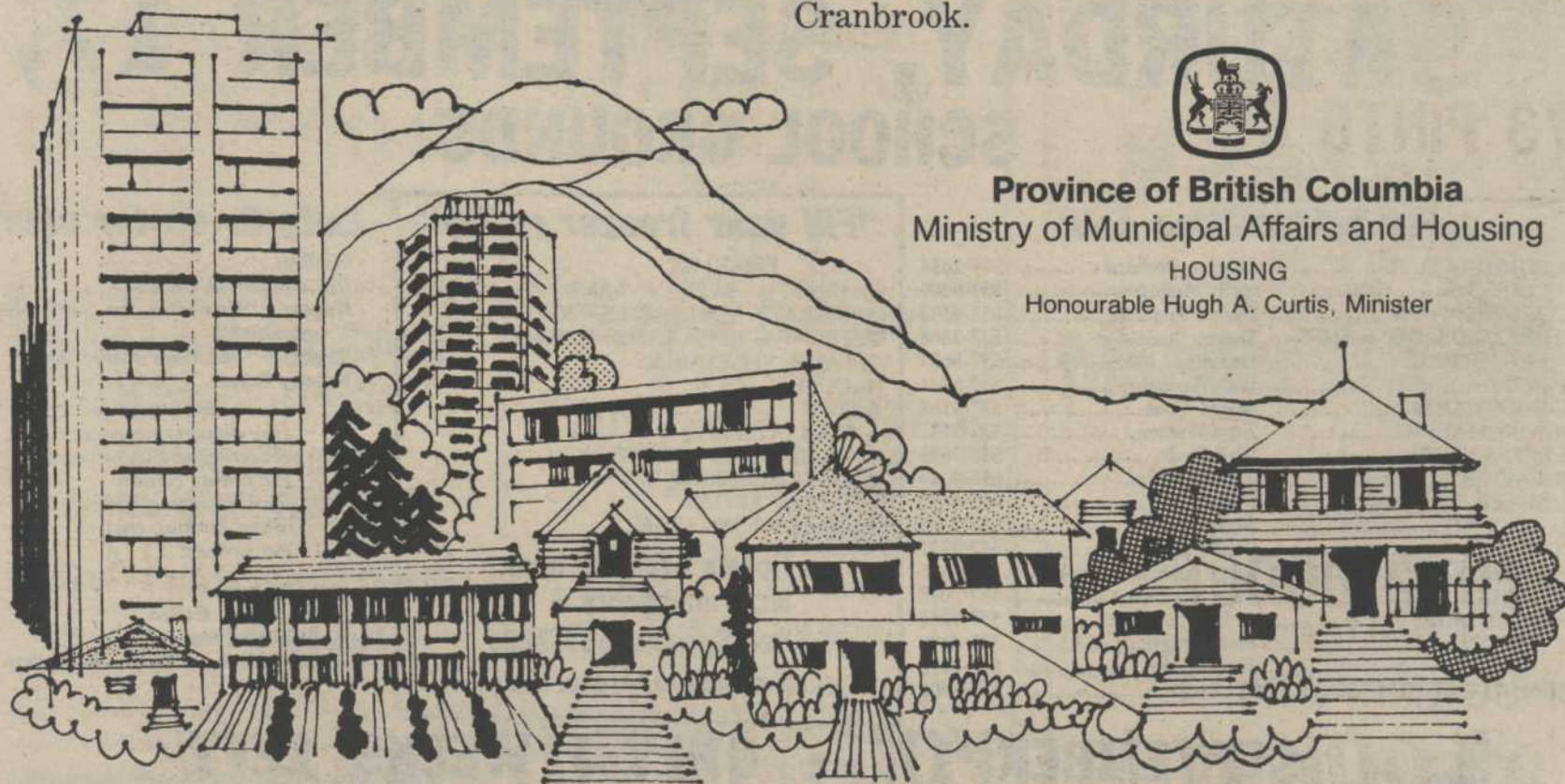
If you're a senior citizen who may be eligible, make sure you have applied. Or, if you know any senior citizens who qualify, please help us help them by making sure they apply.

## ELIGIBILITY

All senior citizens who meet EACH of the following conditions are eligible:

- they are 65 years or older.
- they are renters.
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- the senior citizen OR spouse has:
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To make it as easy as possible, all Chartered Banks, Trust Companies and Credit Unions in the Province have information and additional application forms available. And, if any assistance is required in filling out the form they'll be happy to help. Information, application forms and assistance are also available at the B.C. Housing Management Commission in Vancouver, and at the regional offices of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in Victoria, Prince George, Kelowna, and Cranbrook.



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### Holiday papers and prices



Some comparisons show small differential

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Different newspapers from different places have been brought into the Driftwood office by different people during the different summer months.

I found a Tribune in Winnipeg and a Globe and Mail in Toronto and I had a Republic from Arizona and a Pioneer from Parker in that same southern state.

These were some of them so I made a quick comparison of advertisements and prices. The price differences were less obvious than I had expected.

When I was happily buying gasoline at over 90 cents, I found it

galling that a daughter of mine would be shopping around Phoenix to ascertain whether it was procurable at less than 50c or so. It was.

Other prices are more nearly level with coastal costs.

#### PRICES LISTED

Here are few examples:

In Winnipeg, turkey drumsticks were offered at 49c a pound and plums at the same price. The turkey had bones in it and the plums had stones in them, so the price was level.

Stewing beef was advertised at 98c and cooked ham, \$1.98.

In Boissavain, listed in the Recorder were Maxwell House coffee at \$4.19 and being a few miles from Winnipeg, plums at 39c. Bacon was \$1.79 and wieners, 85c.

Turning south: a long way south: there was round steak at \$1.29 and sirloin tip steak at \$1.49. Rump roast was 99c and plums were offered for 35c. Parker wieners were 75c and ham, \$1.89. Ground beef was 65c.

Cariboo sirloin steak was priced at \$1.99.

In Sidney, ground beef was 59c and wieners, 79c. Rump roast was offered for \$1.69, with round steak at \$1.69 and \$1.89.

It is a quick comparison of a few figures, but the results of the check showed no great discrepancies.



Awaiting approval

Who were the Ganges residents who came up with the sewage disposal system shown above? It has been suggested as an alternative to the one currently awaiting approval.

Estimate of the discharge flow has not yet been made although it is expected to be minimal.

Darryl Georgeson supplied a water taxi for the Driftwood photographer to be on the scene.

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### Darts trophies are presented at Legion Hall

A meeting of the Legion Dart Club was held in the Legion Hall at Ganges on August 4 to complete the 1977 season.

The trophies were on display in the hall and were presented later by the donors who were: Dick Toynbee, for Miller & Toynbee Ltd.; Ian Brown, for Mouat's Store; Aage Villadsen for Villadsen Construction and President Gordon Hutton for the Legion.

Details were discussed for the upcoming season and an invitation was extended to all Legion members who would like to join the Legion Dart Club. New season will commence September 9, at 7 pm, sharp.

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### He was warned first

RCMP warned a driver at 8.30 one evening that his temporary permit was due to expire at midnight the same day. The driver was also warned that after midnight his vehicle would no longer be covered by insurance.

On Wednesday last week R.P. Blanchette pleaded guilty before Judge D.K. McAdam to driving a vehicle without insurance.

Blanchette told the court that he had been applying for a job at a hotel and had been delayed until after midnight.

He had been warned, countered the judge and he shouldn't have disobeyed the warning.

He was given a six-month suspended sentence.

He got the job, he told the court.

### Truck is shortened at Hugh's Machinery



On the left is the truck belonging to Lyle Brown that was shortened by four and a half feet last week by Hugh's Machinery. Richard Cobanli, left, and Dave Hoadley worked on the job along with Hugh Porter who was absent at the time picture was taken. Above is the piece that was taken out.

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### Writer and humorist to read poems in Ganges on Saturday

John Healey is a poet. He is also a playwright and an author and a humourist.

John Healey is Irish by descent; a Lancastrian by original birth and was "gloriously re-born in Canada 25 years ago."

On Saturday John Healey will read John Healey's poems in Mahon Hall at 2 pm and 3 pm.

Many readers of Driftwood will know him for his regular contributions of wisdom in meter.

radio drama for the CBC. **PRIZE WINNER**

Over the years Healey has written a few dozen stage plays, mainly one-act, and managed to win first prize in the BC Drama Association's Playwriting competition in 1976.

"Among my accumulation of MSS are five novels which nobody wants to publish," he reports, "My ambition is to write five more, then have a garage sale!"

There are no firm commitments

at the moment, but he intends to bombard the CBC with radio scripts during the coming winter.

A member of the Salt Spring Players, the island writer has been interested in amateur theatre ever since he had a part in a kindergarten production of Robin Hood, where he played one of the bad guys.

Nowadays, most play directors consider he looks too pious for a villain but makes a convincing deacon.



JOHN HEALEY

He made a first visit to Salt Spring Island 10 years ago, and decided to settle here at the first opportunity. That opportunity came a year ago, and he is now an island fixture.

He loves to write poetry and short stories, as well as plays, and first appeared in print at the age of 14 in an English magazine. Since then he has done lots of writing including radio sketches for an interior radio station, and some


### Beat-up dinghy is lost

Washington crew from Tacoma lost their dinghy.

J. Stannick, of Tacoma, lost his dinghy, which had been attached to his 34 ft. Cutter, Rosy. While travelling through Porlier Pass the dinghy disappeared.

Owner Stannick explained that it was easily recognizable because it was "the worst looking, most beat up old boat ever to float." It was handy the captain added and he wants it back.

The old dinghy used to be white with blue seats but only traces can be seen of those colours, he reported.

**Hang me up** 

**September 1977**


From September 1977 Canadian road speed limits will be posted in kilometres per hour (km/h).  
Kilometre is pronounced kill-o-metre.

Look for the **km/h** tab below the maximum speed limit sign, indicating that this is the new speed in metric.

MAXIMUM

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km/h




**100 km/h** This speed limit will likely be the most common on freeways. On most rural two-lane roadways, 80 km/h will be typical.

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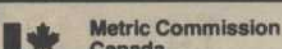
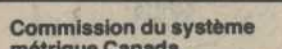


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# Salt Spring guide leader looks back on Nova Scotia international camp

From Salt Spring Island, on the Pacific, to Cape Breton Island, on the Atlantic, an enthusiastic Guide went last month to take part in a world gathering of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

The camp ran from July 22 until August 1, and Lois Perkins was one of 2,000 taking part. The girls came from Canada and 26 other countries, to camp on the shores of the Mira River on Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia. Here are Mrs. Perkins' recollections of the event.

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For two weeks, friendships were made, new skills were learned, ideas were exchanged and horizons were broadened.

The girls were free to choose from the program those things that appealed to them; and no one could be bored. There was canoeing, swimming, sailing, day hikes, back packing trips, cycling trips, bus tours, crafts, skating, skiing, Canada Fitness Awards, dancing, singing, orienteering, reach-out programmes, service projects, talk-ins and best of all making friends.

I was a very small cog in the organizational wheel. The effort that the individuals on the National Camping Committee had made over the last four years to put together this event is hard to visualize. After the site was chosen, a 140-year old farm that will now become a provincial park, there was the logistics of actually making the camp happen; water, food, program, accommodation, health and sanitation, transportation, security and a thousand other items.

The girls attending were all carefully chosen by their areas. Our area, mid-Vancouver Island, was allowed to send one patrol of eight girls between the ages of 14 and 17.

**ORGANIZATION**

The girls were organized into units of four patrols; six units made a sub-camp and there were eight sub-camps in all. Our area also sent five adult leaders.

I worked as a first-aider relieving the nurse on each sub-camp, so I was all over the camp and had a chance to see much of all that was going on. Every girl I talked to thought it was "fantastic" or "great".

As for me I've brought home a series of impressions that will remain.

**IMPRESSIONS**

Among them are the piper greeting us as we arrived at the camp at 5 am.

- Canoeing before breakfast and listening to the loons.

- Girls from Kuwait in traditional costumes dancing by fire-light.

- Laughing with a non-English speaking girl.

- Canadian teenagers questioning Flora MacDonald about national unity, the MacKenzie pipeline and unemployment and being answered as adults.

- Karen Kain spell-binding all as she talked about ballet.

- My humorous and very wise Nigerian tent-mate

- Sitting at a table with women from a dozen different provinces and countries and realizing that we were all speaking the same language.

- The beauty of Cape Breton Island and the warmth of her people.

- Standing up to my knees in water after a storm flattened half

our tents and listening to the girls sing as we cleaned up the mess.

- Goosebumps on opening day as the flags went up....Australia... Barbados....Finland....Germany... Kenya....Nigeria...the Phillipines....Trinidad....Tobago....USA the United Kingdom and, of course Canada....

For most of us, the chance to attend an international event is a once-in-a-lifetime thing. I've brought home enough good feelings and memories to last a life time. My very warmest thanks to the Local Girl Guide Association for their assistance. I only hope that I can communicate something of what I've learnt.

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**BY PAT DOHERTY**

Twenty-three ladies played the first game of a two-week eclectic competition. So far, Lois P.C. has the best net score. Irene Hawksworth won the putting competition with a fine 28.

Congratulations to Helen Kernaghan, who won the Bank of Montreal Cup this week in the playoff against Marg Frattinger.

In the men's division the eventual winner of the Schwenger Cup was Jack Fraser, and thereby hangs a tale.

The mixed two-ball scheduled for last Saturday was cancelled, as are all two-ball competitions, until further notice. The reason is the HEAT.

The eighth Annual Salt Spring Open goes off this week end with a full house as usual. The committee are still looking for volunteer bartenders, and there is a sheet on the notice board, that if you feel so inclined, you can pick the time you would like to volunteer your services, the people in charge will appreciate it.

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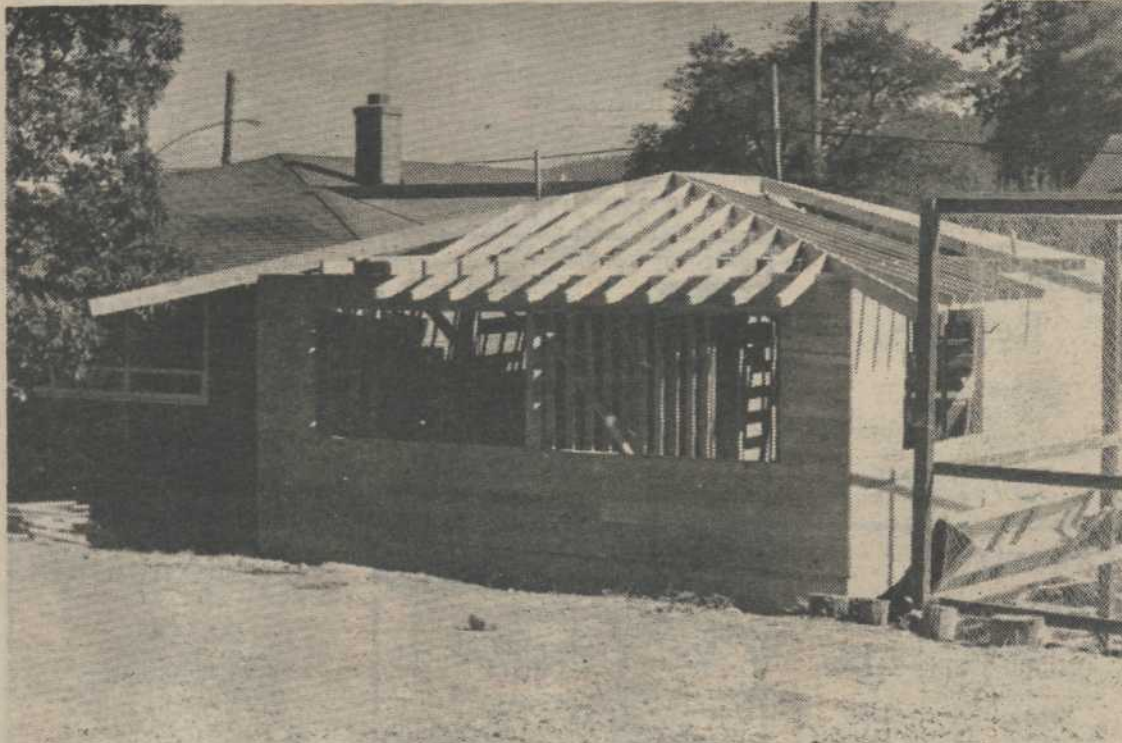
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### School Board Office is growing bigger



Addition to the School Board Office at Ganges is taking shape. The School Board is contracting the project and Lyle Brown is managing it. The 500 square foot addition is expected to cost around \$15,000.

### Preview of new Pender school

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Guests at Pender Island School Reunion recently were able to take advantage of the bus service for a tour of the new school-community hall complex which is nearing completion and will be opening for use this fall.

Aubrey Rundle-Woolcott, principal, had arranged for the students to act as guides. Our particular guide was Cindy Wallace, who did a super job in showing us the building and grounds.

The other guides were Pam Frache, Randy Ross-Smith and Chris Fairweather.

Cindy told us the overall size of the building is 160 x 100 feet. It includes three regular classrooms, the science (or wet) room, a teachers' seminar room, the staff room, the medical room, the secretary and principal's offices, a home economics room and other facilities.

The combination auditorium-gym and theatre, fitted with a movable stage, is 22 ft. high, 56 ft. wide and 80 ft. in length, equal to

three full-sized badminton courts. There is ample storage area on both the main floor and the full-size basement.

There is also a room for smaller Community meetings on the main floor. There will also be available extra community meeting room for films and other activities. The whole building is electrically heated.

#### SOCCER FIELD

The property covers eight acres and a full-size regulation soccer area is under construction and other sports such as track and field will be available.

In addition, there will be four tennis courts, which can also be used for outdoor dances or roller skating. Ample parking space is provided.

The cost of the complex will be just under \$500,000 which includes the land. Of this total, \$100,000 of this has been provided by the community and the province. It is made up of a \$50,000 by-law, \$30,000 Provincial Recreational grant, \$10,000 from the old Port Washington Hall funds and \$10,000 from various Pender Island organizations.

This new complex will be available for total Community involvement of all ages and provides facilities for everyone. This is the second school-community complex to be built in the Gulf Islands School District where there has been input from the community, school board and the Ministry of education, all working together. First was the activity room, at Salt Spring Elementary School.

### Jam tomorrow

Save money for the future, my lad, My father once said to me; So I pondered awhile, then said, Dad! Can you tell me plain and free

If in youth I am careful and thrifty, And my life-style is sober and clean, Will I have all the fun when I'm fifty That I cannot afford at eighteen? - John Healey

#### more about

### Long, hot summer

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As far as the fire hazard is concerned, the situation on Galiano is "absolutely explosive", said the Galiano realtor.

There are only three small ponds on the island from which water could be drawn to fight a fire.

#### BY PERMISSION

On Salt Spring Island, incinerator fires are only permitted before 1 pm and in the evenings and permission from the Fire Department must be obtained first.

Fire Chief Kelly Hanke advised that garbage burners must be covered by a screen and that a water hose must be within close proximity to the fire. Garbage fires must not be left unattended, he said. The use of Hibachis is also permitted.

People are also running short of water on Pender Island, according to June Allan.

Mrs. Allan, who is wife of Fire Chief Max Allan, said on Monday that the fire department had had a number of calls from people looking for water.

A campfire ban was imposed upon most areas of the Vancouver Forest District by the British Columbia Forest Service last week. The ban applies to all Crown lands and beaches.

A spokesman for the Parks Branch told Driftwood that most parks on the Gulf Islands are now closed to any fire.

Fires are prohibited in the following parks: Ruckle, Montague Harbour Marine, Pirates Cove Marine, Tent Island Marine, Princess Margaret Marine, Gabriola Sands, Beaumont Marine, Prior Centennial, Sidney Spit and Newcastle Island.

Fires are not allowed in Mount Maxwell Park either and Bluff Park on Galiano Island has been closed.

On Tuesday evening the weather was continuing to be very warm and there was no end in sight to clear, cloudless skies and hot, summer sun.



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